terms of such Certificate, SBA guarantees a Registered Holder timely payment of principal and interest from the loan or loans underlying the Certificate. Transactions involving interests in Pools or the sale of individual guaranteed portions of loans are governed by the contracts entered into by the parties, SBA's Secondary Market Program Guide, and this subpart. See sections 5 (f), (g), and (h) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 634 (f), (g) and (h)).

CERTIFICATES

§ 120.610 Form and terms of Certificates.

- (a) *General form and content.* Each Certificate must be registered with the FTA. SBA must approve the terms of the Certificate.
- (b) Face amount of Pool Certificate. The face amount of a Pool Certificate cannot be less than a minimum amount as specified in the Program Guide, and the dollar amount of Certificates must be in increments which SBA will specify in the Program Guide (except for one Certificate in each Pool). SBA may change these requirements based upon an analysis of market conditions and program experience, and will publish any such change in the FEDERAL REGISTER.
- (c) Basis of payment for Pool Certificates. Principal installments and interest payments are based on the unpaid principal balance of the portion of the Pool represented by a Pool Certificate. All prepayments on loans in the Pool must be passed through to the appropriate Registered Holders with the regularly scheduled payments to such Holders
- (d) Basis of payment for Individual Certificates. Principal installments and interest payments are based on the unpaid principal balance of the SBA guaranteed portion of the loan supporting an Individual Certificate. The Certificate must provide for a pass through to the Registered Holder of payments which the FTA receives from a Lender or any entity servicing the loan, less applicable fees.
- (e) Interest rate on Pool Certificate. The interest rate on a Pool Certificate

must be equal to the lowest Net Rate on any individual guaranteed portion of a loan in the Pool.

§ 120.611 Pools backing Pool Certificates.

- (a) *Pool characteristics*. As set forth in the Program Guide, each Pool must have:
- (1) A minimum number of guaranteed portions of loans;
- (2) A minimum aggregate principal balance of the guaranteed portions;
- (3) A maximum percentage of the Pool which an individual guaranteed portion may constitute;
- (4) A maximum allowable difference between the highest and lowest note interest rates:
- (5) A maximum allowable difference between the remaining terms to maturity of the loans in the Pool; and
- (6) A minimum weighted average maturity at Pool formation.
- (b) Adjustment of Pool characteristics. SBA may adjust the Pool characteristics periodically based upon program experience and market conditions.

§ 120.612 Loans eligible to back Certificates.

- (a) Pool Certificates are backed by the SBA guaranteed portions of loans comprising the Pool. An Individual Certificate is backed by the SBA guaranteed portion of a single loan. Any such loan must:
- (1) Be current as of the date the Pool is formed or the individual guaranteed portion of a loan is initially sold in the Secondary Market;
- (2) Be guaranteed under the Act; and
- (3) Meet such other standards as SBA may determine to be necessary for the successful operation of the Secondary Market program.
- (b) The loans that back a Pool must meet the SBA requirements in effect at the time the Pool is formed.

§ 120.613 Secondary Participation Guarantee Agreement.

When a Lender wants to sell the guaranteed portion of a loan, it enters into a Secondary Participation Guarantee Agreement ("SPGA") with SBA and the prospective purchaser. The terms of sale between the Lender and